Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (**Currently Amended**) A mobile guide communications system comprising:

[~~at least one~~] a portable device including [~~at least one~~] a display [~~means~~], an infra-red [~~(IR)~~] communication unit, and a wireless communication unit;

a plurality of object servers, each object server associated with an object and including an [~~IR~~] infrared communication unit configured to communicate with the portable devices; and

[~~at least one~~] a central server including [~~a memory and~~] a wireless communication unit, the central server being configured to retrieve data concerning a selected object and to transmit the data to a particular portable device via the wireless communication unit in response to a request by [~~establishment of IR communication between the object server and~~] the particular portable device.

2. (**Currently Amended**) The system of claim **1**, wherein the display [~~means~~] is configured to display [~~capable of displaying~~] at least one of a multimedia presentation, a text display, a graphics display and an audio presentation.

3. (**Original**) The system of claim **1**, wherein the portable device further comprises an internet connection.

4. (**Currently Amended**) The system of claim **1**, wherein the portable device further comprises processing circuitry configured to obtain an object identification code from an object server, to transmit the object identification code to the central server [~~and~~] ,to obtain, from the central server, information concerning an object, and to present the information to a user.

5. (**Currently Amended**) The system of claim **1**, wherein the object server further comprises a memory including an object identification code associated [~~to a specific~~] with an object, and software code [~~means~~] for causing the object server to transfer the object identification code [~~when requested by~~] in response to a request from a portable device.

6. (**Original**) The system of claim **5**, wherein the object server operates in a wait mode until communications are established with a portable device.

7. (**Original**) The system of claim **5**, wherein the object server is located within a predetermined distance from its associated specific object.

8. (**Currently Amended**) The system of claim **1**, wherein the central server includes:

[~~a wireless communications unit;~~]

a database including information associated with different objects at an exhibition; and

[~~a unique~~] an object identification code for each object.

9. (**Original**) The system of claim **8**, wherein the central server further comprises software for causing the central server to receive a request for information concerning a specific object, wherein the request includes an object identification code.

**10.** **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim **9**, wherein the central server is configured for internet access [~~capable of accessing the Internet, the terminal further comprising~~] , and wherein the central server further comprises software adapted for causing a terminal client to:

obtain an object [~~identity~~] identification code from the specific object servers, when the terminal is in range of an [~~IR~~] infrared communications unit of [~~the~~] an object server;

obtain requested object information from the central server; and

present the obtained information.

**11.** **(Currently Amended)** A method in a mobile guide system comprising:

establishing an [~~IR~~] infrared connection between a mobile terminal and [~~a specific~~] an object server associated with a specific object;

transferring [~~a specific~~] an object identity code from [~~a memory of~~] the [~~specific~~] object server to the mobile terminal over the [~~IR~~] infrared connection;

establishing a wireless connection between the terminal and a central server;

transferring the object identity code to the central server via the wireless connection;

retrieving requested information from a database of the central server based on the object identity code;

transferring the retrieved information to the mobile terminal; and

presenting the information on a display of the mobile terminal.

12. (**Original**) The method of claim **11**, wherein the information presented is at least one of an Internet link, a multimedia display, a text display, a graphics display and an audio presentation.

13. (**Currently Amended**) A machine-accessible medium[~~,~~] having encoded thereon instructions for causing [~~which when accessed causes~~] a machine to:

obtain an object identification code from an object server;

transmit the object identification code to a central server;

receive information concerning an object associated with the object identification code; and

display the information for a user of [~~the~~] a portable device.

14. (**Currently Amended**) The medium of claim **13**, [~~which further causes~~] further comprising instructions for causing the portable device to display the information as one of a multimedia presentation, a graphics presentation, a text display, and an audio presentation.

15. (**Currently Amended**) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon [~~at least one sequence of~~] instructions for causing a digital processing system to perform operations comprising:

obtaining an object identification code from an object server;

transmitting the object identification code to a central server, the object identification code causing retrieval of information concerning an object associated with the object identification code;

receiving the information concerning the object; and

displaying the information [~~for a user of the~~] on a display of a portable device.

16. (**Original**) The medium of claim **15**, further comprising instructions to cause the portable device to display the information as one of a multimedia presentation, a graphics presentation, a text display, and an audio presentation.

17. (**Original**) The medium of claim **15**, wherein the object identification code is obtained from the object server over an infra-red link.

18. (**Original**) The medium of claim **15**, wherein the object identification code is transmitted over a wireless link to the central server.